State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

California Pollution Control Financing Authority

Regulatory Action:

Title 4, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

Amend sections: 8035

Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Government Code Section 11349.1 and 11349.6(d)

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Small businesses contribute significantly to environmental emissions but are less able than large businesses to invest in new equipment or process modifications needed to comply with environmental regulation. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44548, the California Pollution Control Financing Agency adopted regulations establishing a small business assistance fund fee to be used to assist small businesses to achieve financing of pollution control facilities. Effective April 23, 2013, the California Pollution Control Financing Agency amended section 8035 of title 4 of the California Code of Regulations to add a subdivision (e) that waives the assessment of the small business assistance fund fee until June 30, 2015. This regulatory action was deemed an emergency by the Legislature pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44520(b). On August 21, 2013, the California Pollution Control Financing Agency submitted a certificate of compliance for the emergency adoption of subdivision (e) of section 8035 of title 4 of the California Code of Regulations.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.6(d) of the Government Code.

9/24/2013 Date:

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Sherri Kay Wahl, Deputy Executive Director

Title 4. Business Regulations Division 11. California Pollution Control Financing Authority Article 3. General Provisions Relating to Authority Actions

§ 8035. Small Business Assistance Fund Fees.

- (a) The Authority shall charge an applicant who is not a public agency or a small business as defined in Section 8020 a fee in addition to the fees required by Sections 8033 and 8034. The additional fee shall fund the Small Business Assistance Fund (SBAF). The amount of the fee shall be sixty-six one-hundredths of one percent (.0066) of the face value of any tax exempt bonds issued and three tenths of one percent (.003) of the face value of any taxable bonds issued; provided, that in connection with the issuance of taxable bonds for which the .003 fee is charged, if such taxable bonds are refinanced with or converted to tax exempt bonds, the applicant shall pay an additional fee for deposit into the Small Business Assistance Fund in the amount of thirty-six one-hundredths of one percent (.0036) of the face value of such taxable bonds. In the case of refunding or conversion of bonds, the fee percentage applicable on the date the original bonds were issued will be used to determine if additional SBAF fees are collectable. If the company did not pay a SBAF fee originally, the current fee percentage will apply to refundings or conversions. If federal tax law or other legal provisions prevent the imposition of the above fees, each fee shall be the maximum that can legally be charged.
- (b) The Authority shall refund a portion of the fee charged pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section if the occurrence of a subsequent event causes the original fee to exceed the amount allowed by federal tax law provisions, causing the bonds to lose their tax exempt status. The refund shall be the difference between the original fee charged and the maximum fee subsequently determined to be chargeable by bond counsel approved by the Authority.
- (c) The Authority shall refund a portion of the fee charged if, in the judgment of the Authority, the amount in the Small Business Assistance Fund account exceeds the amount needed to operate the Small Business Assistance Fund program and to assist small businesses obtain financing. If the Authority makes a refund pursuant to this subdivision, the amount of the refund payable to each applicant shall be computed by multiplying the total amount to be refunded by the percentage each applicant contributed in fees to the total fees collected pursuant to this section.
- (d) If an applicant refinances existing bonds with the issuance of new bonds, it shall receive a credit against the fee charged pursuant to this section in an amount equal to the net Small Business Assistance Fund fees paid on the earlier bonds.
- (e) The assessment of the fee provided for in subsection (a) on all new financing transactions is waived until June 30, 2015. In the case of refunding bonds and conversion bonds, there will be no SBAF fee charged if the original bonds were issued after the effective date of this subsection and before June 30, 2015.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44520 and 44548, Health and Safety Code.

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